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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on September 6, 2005, **MICHAEL JOSEPH WILLEY**, age 42, of Metropolis, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. WILLEY was sentenced to 210 months imprisonment, was fined \$500, and was placed on 3 years supervised release.

WILLEY had previously pleaded guilty to a one count indictment which charged that on November 17, 2004, WILLEY did knowingly transport and ship in interstate commerce by any means, including by computer, a visual depiction involving the use of a minor under the age of eighteen engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

The investigation was conducted by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Metropolis Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.